

## DISCLOSURE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**

**DATE: 12/13/2019**

☐ **ANSWER**

☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**

**DOCKET #:**

### FILER INFORMATION

Name: Ms. Stefanie Ashford  
Office/Position: Laurel Oaks Charter School  
Dates of Service:  
Number of Disclosures and/or Amendments Filed with Agency:

Ashley Wimberley, Director  
Disclosure Division

### REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 3 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2018  
Report ID: PFD19011187  
Original Due Date: 5/15/2019  
NOD Received: 7/15/2019  
PFD/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 7/24/2019  
PFD/Answer Filed: 11/25/2019

### LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1500  
Days late from receipt of NOD: 124  
Total days late from initial due date: 194  
Late Fee Order Received:  
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 11/18/2019  
Waiver Request Received:

### COMMENTS:

Stefanie Ashford is requesting a Waiver Request for the late filing of her 2018 PFD. Ms. Ashford stated when she received the initial 2018 PFD she was going through a very devastating period. The charter school was closed by the state; she had an enormous assignment load and was also responsible for closing the school.

Prior to the charter being revoked on June 30, Ms. Ashford stated she was assisting the school attorney prepare for the hearing to keep the school open. Once closed, Ms. Ashford had limited-to no help assisting the students and families cope with the school closure; and had to ensure school placement for the students and job placement for the teachers. She stated she also had to comply with all the states closing procedures, such as reporting and reallocation of documents, equipment, supplies, and furnishings.

Since July 1, Ms. Ashford has been in the process of closing the school while trying to move on with her life to ensure stability for her family as a divorced, single mother. She is trying to relaunch her own business that she temporarily shut down as a sacrifice to save a school. She states she is struggling to make ends meet, but trying to do what's right to finish one project and continue her purpose to serve others. Ms. Ashford humbly ask for consideration in her delay in filing and fine.

### OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

#### Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

#### Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No



November 22, 2019

LA Board of Ethics  
P. O. Box 4368  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Re: Tier 3 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure Statement for calendar year 2018

Greetings,

My name is Stefanie Ashford and I've attached the documentation per your request. I humbly asked for a waiver of the late fee. Unfortunately, when I received the initial Tier 3 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure Statement for calendar year 2018, I was going through a very devastating period. The students and families of a charter school were recently closed by the state. I had the enormous assignment and responsibility of closing the school according to state procedures. With limited and no help, I had to first help students and families cope with the reality of a school their children had considered home would no longer exist. Secondly, I had to ensure school placement for every child and job placement for teachers. Along, with all the state paperwork, filing, reports, identifying storage for all documents and location for equipment, supplies, and furnishing to be donated which had to be completed in a very short timeframe. Prior to the charter being revoked on June 30, I had to assist the school attorney with preparing for the school hearing to fight for our children and families to keep the school open. Even though, it didn't turn out as expected, we were able to at least maintain stability for those children and family for the 2018 school year and secure jobs for teachers so that wouldn't have to be displaced or unemployed.

Furthermore, from July 1 to presently, I'm still in the process of closing the school while trying to move on with my life to ensure stability for my family as a divorced, single mother. While closing down a school with no staff support, I'm trying to relaunch my own business that I had to temporarily shut down as a sacrifice to save a school that I knew those children and families needed in that area. I would greatly appreciate your consideration regarding the waiver request. I'm struggling to make ends meet while doing what's right to finish one project and continue in my purpose to help, love, and serve others by services I offer to provide a better life for others and my family as well.

Thanks for your time and I humbly submit the request with honesty and in good faith. I hope that you will take into consideration my good cause regarding my delay.

Sincerely,

*Stefanie Ashford*  
